

In the Amendment with a Certified Mailing date of 18 December 2001, additional claims 52-54 were added by the Amendment. **NO AMENDMENTS WERE MADE TO THE EXISTING CLAIMS 1-51.** As no amendments were made to existing claims, there was no need to provide details of actual amendments to claims 1-51. However, Applicants submitted copies of claims 1-27 and 48-51, with no amendments being made, for the convenience of the review of the Examiner.

A clean copy of new claims 52-54 was provided in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. Therefore, **the Amendment filed on 18 December 2001 (indicated as received by the US PTO on 23 January 2002) was in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121.**

The Examiner and the clerical staff of the US Patent and Trademark Office is invited to contact Applicant's Representatives, at the below-listed telephone number, if any further changes need to be made to the enclosed drawings. Authorization is hereby given to charge any fees that are owed for the submission of these drawings to Deposit Account Number 50-1391.


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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described herein, are being faxed to the US Patent and Trademark Office at Telephone No. 703.305.3599 as directed by Ms. Burnell Ross, Addressed to: Ms. Burnell Ross, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on February 14, 2002.

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